

PATENT APPLICATION

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

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(Name of Attorney for Applicant)

February 7, 2003

Date of Signature

English-language abstracts for each of the foregoing Japanese documents

have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise

explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents is believed to be

satisfied by the English language abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits but has

not yet received any of a final action, a Notice Of Allowance, or an action that otherwise

closes prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is

filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37

C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to

make an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed

invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has

been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the

initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,

California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to

our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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